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Tom Clark 1145 North 1100 West P.O. Box 861 St. George, Utah 84771

RE: Blackhawk Mine, UTU-69856; T. 22 S., R. 6 E., section 26; Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Clark:

A compliance inspection of the Daddy Dearest-Blackhawk humate mine was conducted November 3, 2011. The inspection revealed that the project area has been cleaned up, as directed by this office. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would like to commend you for your efforts. In addition, your mining operations appear to be suspended.

As part of our inspection we also review the files for accuracy, making sure that your operations are in compliance with federal regulations. This review brought up an important issue. The notice that is on file in this office, UTU-69856, is expired by regulation. Your notice was authorized by this office on November 15, 1989; however, your notice was not extended as required by the regulations at 43 CFR 3809.300(a) and 3809.333 which became effective January 20, 2001. As stated in the regulations at 3809.335, when your notice expires you must cease operations, except for reclamation purposes. Also, humate is considered by the BLM to be a salable mineral and subject to disposal under the regulations at 43 CFR 3600.

We would like to hold a meeting with you to discuss your expired notice and any future plans on your part for mining of humate. Please contact Chris Conrad at the BLM Price Field Office at your earliest convenience so we can schedule a time when we can discuss this issue in person.

If you have any questions, please call Chris Conrad (435-636-3667) or Greg Gochnour (435-636-3639).

Sincerely,

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